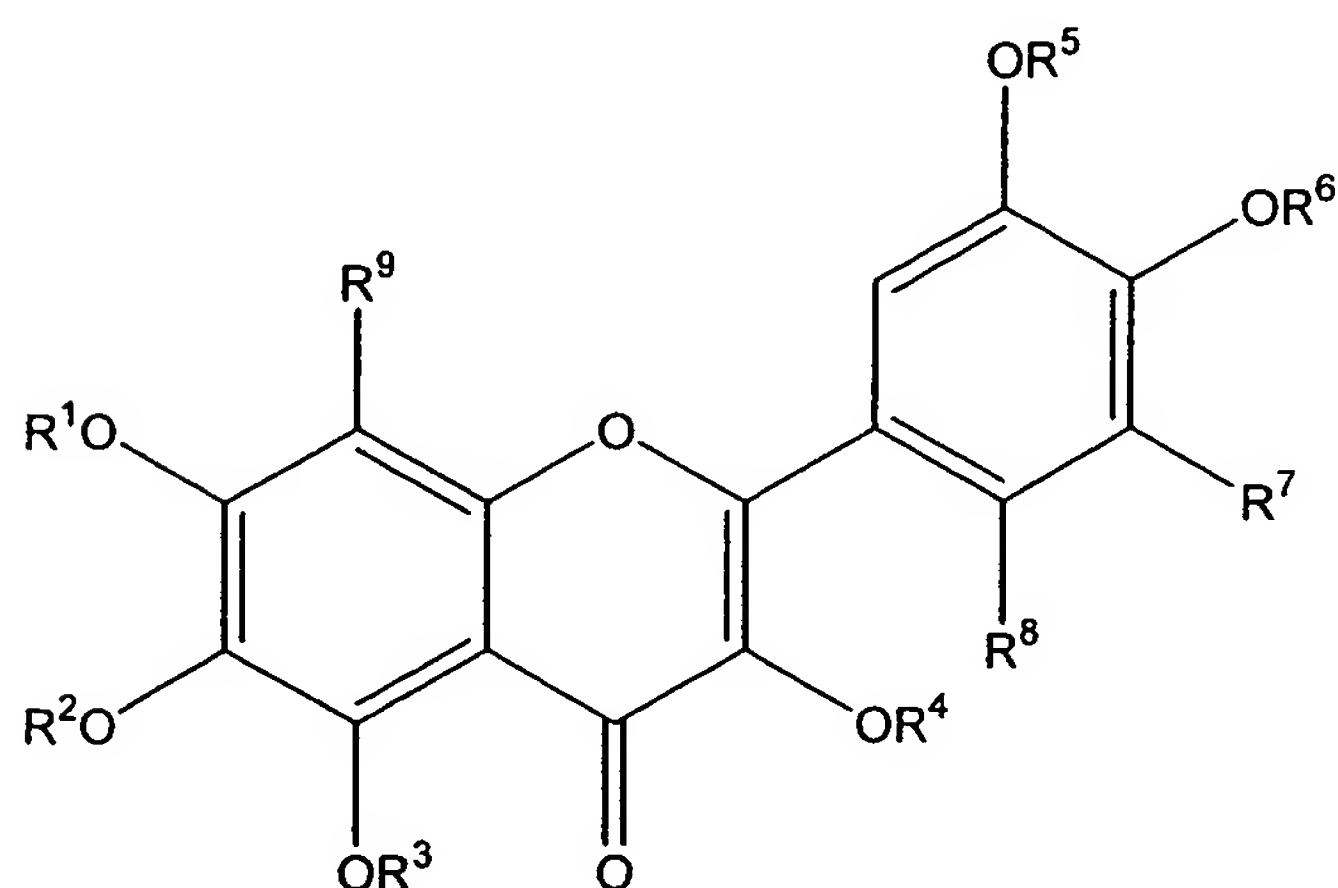


Claims

1. An external preparation for skin, comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (I) and/or salt thereof and 4-n-butyl resorcinol and/or a salt thereof.



General Formula (I)

(In the formula, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R^7 , R^8 , and R^9 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or an alkyloxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.)

2. The external preparation for skin according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (I) is one or two or more selected from 5,7-dihydroxy-3,6-dimethoxy-2-(5-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one, 5,7-dihydroxy-3,6,8-trimethoxy-2-(3,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one, 3,5-diethoxy-6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-

benzopyran-4-one, and
5,6-dihydroxy-3,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-hydroxy-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-
4H-1-benzopyran-4-one.

3. The external preparation for skin according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a source of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is an extract of a plant of the genus *Achillea* sp. of the family Compositae or the genus *Centaurea* sp. of the family Compositae.

4. The external preparation for skin according to claim 3, wherein the plant of the genus *Achillea* sp. of the family Compositae is selected from *Achillea ageratum*, *Achillea cartilaginea*, *Achillea clavenae*, *Achillea filipendula*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Achillea nana*, *Achillea ptarmica*, and *Achillea tomentosa*, and the plant of the genus *Centaurea* sp. of the family Compositae is *Centaurea cyanus*.

5. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a concentration of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is 0.1 mM or higher.

6. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a content of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is 0.035% by mass or higher.

7. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein a content of 4-n-butyl resorcinol and/or the salt thereof is in a range of 0.05 to 5% by mass.

8. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the external preparation for skin is a whitening cosmetic.

9. The external preparation for skin according to claim 8, wherein the external preparation for skin is a lightening cosmetic.